IN THE U. S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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METHOD FOR ANALYZING N-TERMINAL PROTEIN ADDUCTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

May 7, 2009

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action of April 7, 2009, Applicant herein provides the following Amendments and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.